

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1. (currently amended)** A bactericidal composition that has a bactericidal effect against food poisoning bacteria comprising as effective ingredients (a) at least one substance selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and a ~~metal~~ sodium salt thereof of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, wherein said ~~metal salt~~ substance is in a sodium salt content of 0.05 mM or more and less than 1.5 mM, and (b) at least one thionin selected from the group consisting of an alpha-type thionin and a beta-type thionin, wherein said thionin is in a content of 1  $\mu$ g/mL to 150  $\mu$ g/mL.

**Claim 2. (canceled)**

**Claim 3. (canceled)**

**Claim 4. (currently amended)** The bactericidal composition according to claim 1[[.]] wherein said (a) consists essentially of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

**Claim 5. (previously presented)** The bactericidal composition according to claim 1, wherein said (a) consists essentially of a sodium salt of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

**Claim 6. (previously presented)** The bactericidal composition according to claim 1, wherein the thionin is an alpha-type thionin.

**Claim 7. (previously presented)** The bactericidal composition according to claim 1, wherein the thionin is a beta-type thionin.

**Claim 8. (currently amended)** The bactericidal composition according to claim 1, wherein said (a) is the sodium salt of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and said sodium salt is a disodium salt ~~or a tetrasodium salt~~.

Claim 9. (canceled)

Claim 10. (canceled)

Claim 11. (canceled)

Claim 12. (canceled)

Claim 13. (canceled)

Claim 14. (canceled)

Claim 15. (canceled)

Claim 16. (canceled)

Claim 17. (canceled)

Claim 18. (canceled)

Claim 19. (canceled)

Claim 20. (canceled)

Claim 21. (canceled)

Claim 22. (previously presented) The bactericidal composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition consists essentially of bactericidal effective amounts of said (a) and said (b).

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**Claim 23. (new)** The bactericidal composition according to claim 1, wherein said (a) is the sodium salt of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and said sodium salt is a tetrasodium salt.